*[English]*

**Grant of Visas**

2630. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of visas granted to foreigners to visit India during 1995 registered a steep increase as compared to the previous two years;

(b) if so, the comparative figures thereof;

(c) the number of foreigners granted Indian citizenship during 1995-96 and

(d) the number of foreigners in the country as on March, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). As per information received from various Indian Missions abroad during the year 1995, 974426 foreigners were granted to visit India as compared to 702892 visas granted in 1994 and 706870 visas granted in 1993.

(c) During the years 1995 and 1996 (upto 30th November, 1996) 459 foreigners were granted Indian citizenship.

(d) Figures regarding registered foreigners in India are maintained by the respective State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations which are compiled annually. As on 31-12-95, 204463 registered foreigners (excluding Pak nationals) were present in India.

**Sugar Export**

2631. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the total sugar so far exported to Pakistan during the current financial year along with the cost thereof;

(b) whether the rates of sugar were much less than at which the Pakistan was getting sugar from the other countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are exporting sugar to other countries; and

(e) if so, the quantity exported being exported along with the cost thereof during each of the last two years and 1996-97 so far, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) As per the Export Agency viz. M/s. Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd. (ISGIEIC), a quantity of about 2.77 lakh tonnes of sugar valuing Rs. 354.53 crores (approx.) has been exported to Pakistan, during the current Financial Year 1996-97 (upto 30.11.96).

(b) and (c). The export of sugar has been made by ISGIEIC Ltd. as per their commercial judgement.

(d) No sugar has been exported by the Government. These exports are being undertaken by the Notified Export Agencies viz. STC and ISGIEIC Ltd., under the provisions of Sugar Export Promotion Act, 1958.

(e) The details of the sugar exported as furnished by the Export Agencies during the Financial Years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given in the attached Statement.

**STATEMENT**

*Statement showing Countrywise details of Sugar Exported and Value thereof during financial years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto 30.11.96)*

**Financal Year : 1994-95**

| S No | Name of the Country | Quantity (in MTs) | Value (in Rs./Crores) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | Nepal | 35000.0 | 30.46 |
| | Total | 35000.0 | 30.46 |

**Financial Year : 1995-96** (Figures are Provisional)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Nepal | 15000.00 | 17.34 |
| 2 | Maldives | 1000.00 | 1.30 |
| 3 | Somalia | 2000.00 | 2.65 |
| 4 | Aden | 2200.00 | 2.80 |
| 5 | Myanmar | 8000.00 | 10.50 |
| 6 | U.S.A. | 9336.22 | 11.85 |
| 7 | Eritrea | 12500.00 | 15.25 |
| 8 | Yemen | 15000.00 | 18.51 |
| 9 | France | 30300.00 | 72.64 |
| 10 | Russia | 63750.00 | 93.44 |
| 11 | Sri Lanka | 110095.00 | 137.54 |
| 12 | Indonesia | 180136.12 | 230.86 |
| | Total | 449317.34 | 614.68 |

**Financial Year : 1996-97** (upto 30.11.1996)

| | | | (Fig. are Provisional). |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Nepal | 25850.00 (Provisional) | Not available |
| 2 | Ealman | 1770.25 | 2.33 |
| 3 | Male | 2175.00 | 2.89 |